

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING AN ENTITY FROM HAVING AN INTEREST IN  
5 MORE THAN 30,000 ACRES IN ANY COUNTY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN  
6 IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Land ownership restriction.** (1) An entity may not have an interest  
11 in more than 30,000 acres of real property in any county.

12 (2) For purposes of this section:

13 (a) (i) "Entity" means an individual, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership,  
14 limited liability company, corporation, religious organization, association, or any other type of permissible  
15 business entity.

16 (ii) The term does not include the federal government, state government, tribal government, or any  
17 local government.

18 (b) (i) "Interest" means title, lease, sublease, contract for purchase, or any other type of  
19 agreement that allows an entity to control the land.

20 (ii) The term does not include a security interest.

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22 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
23 integral part of Title 70, chapter 1, part 1, and the provisions of Title 70, chapter 1, part 1, apply to  
24 [section 1].

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26 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that  
27 matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this  
28 act].

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30 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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